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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR 1.53(b))BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application
- ☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: _____; filed _____, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
- ☒ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/284,267; filed April 17, 2001.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

Patricia V. Phelps, Raleigh, North Carolina; **B. Alan Chalker, II**, Durham, North Carolina; **William Hayes Ferrell, III**, Cary, North Carolina; **John H. Hebrank**, Durham, North Carolina; **Benjamin Charles McDow**, Seneca, South Carolina; **Edward Atkinson Pomeroy, III**, Easley, South Carolina; **Jonathan Robertson**, Greenville, South Carolina; **Johnny Mark Townsend**, Laurens, South Carolina

Entitled:

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR SELECTIVELY PROCESSING EGGS HAVING IDENTIFIED CHARACTERISTICS

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 113 pages of Specification (including 180 claims)
3. ☒ 48 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below])
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.


7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and 51 references cited
11. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
13. ☐ Certified Copy of Application No. ; Filed
14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
 - a. ☐ computer readable copy
 - b. ☐ paper copy
 - c. ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17. ☒ Other: Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.41(c)

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- a. ☒ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
 - b. ☒ Additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,


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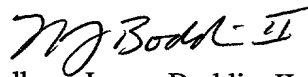
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APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.41(c)

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The above-identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors,
**Patricia V. Phelps; B. Alan Chalker, II; William Hayes Ferrell, III; John H. Hebrank;
Benjamin Charles McDow; Edward Atkinson Pomeroy, III; Jonathan Robertson; and
Johnny Mark Townsend**, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and
Power of Attorney from the inventors will follow, 37 CFR 1.63.

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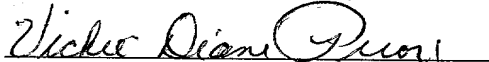
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